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Illinois Terrorism Task Force Communications Committee
109 W. Liberty St. Wauconda, IL 60084

Re: In the Matter of Public Safety and Homeland Security Bureau Seeks Comment
on Petition for Waiver Filed by Thales Communications, Inc.

Reply Comments of the Illinois Terrorism Task Force Communications Committee
PS Docket No. 10-233
To the Commission:

We are David Dato and Jan Noble, Co-Chairpersons of the Illinois Terrorism Task Force Communications Committee (ITTFCOMM). A committee, formed under the auspices of the Illinois Terrorism Task Force (ITTF). The ITTF was legislatively formed by Gubernatorial Executive order in 2003. A couple of the many tasks of ITTFCOMM are to coordinate and guide communication equipment purchases amongst funding grantees and promote interoperability. ITTFCOMM is a sister committee to the Statewide Interoperability Executive Committee (SIEC). The ITTFCOMM has on its roster members that represent State Agency radio users. In addition the also has members that represent the nine hundred plus law enforcement agencies, twelve hundred fire/ EMS agencies as well as Emergency Management, many other public safety disciplines, public service groups and NGO's. As the Commission is aware, by *Order* dated July 18, 2008, the Federal Communications Commission ("FCC") granted in part a waiver request filed by the State of Illinois, Illinois State Police ("Illinois") which allowed Illinois to continue to deploy, on an interim basis, new 700 MHz narrowband operations outside of the consolidated narrowband channel scheme adopted in the FCC's 2007 Second Report and Order.

ITTFCOMM submits these Reply Comments in response to the Initial Comments filed by Motorola, Inc. ("Motorola"), the National Public Safety Telecommunications Council (NPSTC), the Public Safety Spectrum Trust Corporation ("PSST") and the American Association of State Highway and Transportation Officials ("AASHTO") (collectively, the "Commenters").

1. The Thales Waiver Request Should be Granted

Each of the Commenters supports grant of the waiver requested by Thales. Without a waiver, new equipment acquired during the transition to the consolidated narrowband spectrum block "would not be fully interoperable with equipment previously purchased, as some equipment